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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/973,179

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ELECTROPHORESIS SLAB
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the complete set of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.